

Child Support Recovery Unit



Purpose

The Child Support Recovery Unit assists custodial parents to receive court-ordered child support payments. Recoveries also reimburse taxpayers for the cost of public assistance (welfare).

Who Is Helped

Eligibility for services:

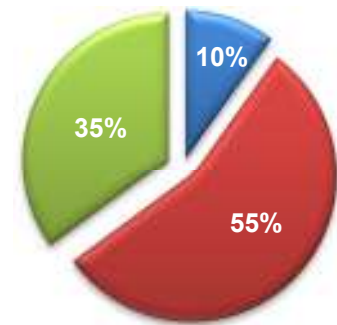
- All people who receive public cash assistance from the Family Investment Program (FIP). Recoveries reimburse government benefits.
- All people who pay a one-time fee (\$25) for help in recovering court-ordered support.

Number served:

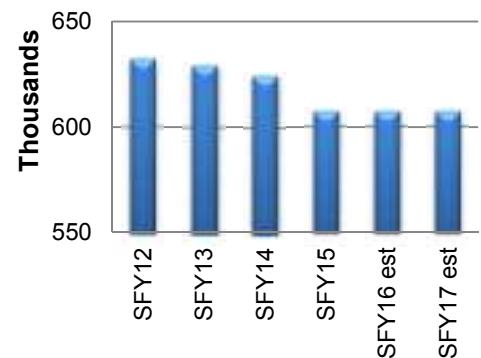
- In SFY15, CSRU served 606,961 parents and children on 172,432 cases. Of these:
 - 10 percent receive FIP.
 - 55 percent formerly received FIP.
 - 35 percent never received FIP. These people asked for the state's help in collecting child support and paid a one-time \$25 fee.
- Caseloads are projected to remain level through SFY17.
- During SFY15, in cases where support had been established or modified by CSRU, the median annual income of a custodial parent served by CSRU was \$14,544. For noncustodial parents served by CSRU, the median annual income was \$19,824.

Who Receives Child Support SFY15

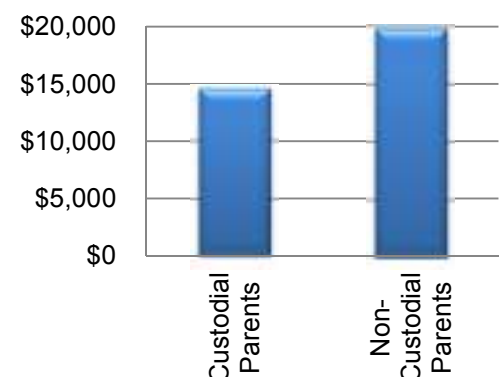
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- Former FIP (55%)
- Never FIP (35%)



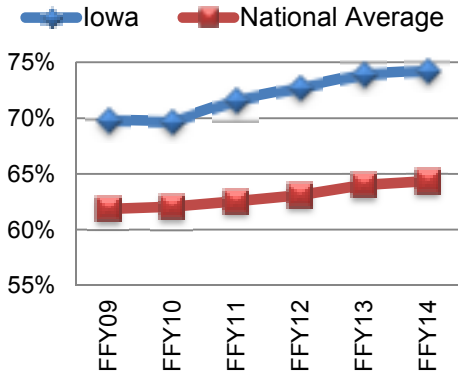
Number of Parents and Children Served



Median Annual Income for CSRU Families in SFY15



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ <i>In SFY15, \$19.3 million in collections went to state and federal governments to offset the cost of public assistance.</i> ✓ <i>9 percent of custodial parents served by CSRU are male.</i> 																										
Services	<div data-bbox="386 285 971 1146"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The CSRU helps parents establish paternity and support orders and enforces orders for support. Child support collections help families with children become self-sufficient. • Customers are served by 22 field offices, a centralized employer call center, the Collection Services Center, and a central operations unit. • CSRU sent 163,460 income-withholding notices to employers in SFY15. Seventy-eight percent of collections come from employer withholdings. • Trend: There has been an increase in withholdings from employers and the benefits collected from unemployment benefits appears to have leveled off to pre-recession amounts. • In SFY15, the Collection Services Center (CSC) processed 2,862,322 child support payments, totaling \$323.6 million. • In SFY15, the CSRU filed 8,086 affidavits establishing paternity, 5,674 orders establishing paternity and support, and 4,791 modifications of support orders. </div> <div data-bbox="1036 285 1516 863"> <p>Child Support Collections SFY15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Income Withholding (78%) Other (11%) Unemployment Benefits (2%) Tax Offsets (7%) License Sanctions (2%) <table border="1"> <caption>Child Support Collections SFY15 Data</caption> <thead> <tr> <th>Category</th> <th>Percentage</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Income Withholding</td> <td>78%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Other</td> <td>11%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Unemployment Benefits</td> <td>2%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tax Offsets</td> <td>7%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>License Sanctions</td> <td>2%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> </div> <div data-bbox="1011 905 1490 1671"> <p>Total Child Support Collections</p> <table border="1"> <caption>Total Child Support Collections (Millions)</caption> <thead> <tr> <th>SFY</th> <th>Amount (Millions)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>SFY12</td> <td>332.6</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SFY13</td> <td>324.6</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SFY14</td> <td>326.6</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SFY15</td> <td>323.6</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SFY16 est</td> <td>323.6</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SFY17 est</td> <td>323.6</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> </div>	Category	Percentage	Income Withholding	78%	Other	11%	Unemployment Benefits	2%	Tax Offsets	7%	License Sanctions	2%	SFY	Amount (Millions)	SFY12	332.6	SFY13	324.6	SFY14	326.6	SFY15	323.6	SFY16 est	323.6	SFY17 est	323.6
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ <i>The average child support collected during SFY15 was \$172.83 a month.</i> ✓ <i>Child support helps address part of the estimated \$951 per month it costs to raise a child.</i> ✓ <i>In SFY16, 65 percent of the Child Support Recovery Unit operating budget is for staffing costs and 35 percent is for the support costs.</i> 																										

Goals & Strategies	<p>Goal: Secure financial and emotional support for children from both parents.</p> <p>Strategies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Collect child support in the month it is due. Timely support is essential to family self-sufficiency.• Make it easy for employers to deduct child support from wages.	<p>Results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• In SFY15, CSRU collected 74 percent of current support in the month due. Iowa routinely exceeds the national average. <p>Support Collected in the Month Due</p>  <table><caption>Support Collected in the Month Due Data</caption><tr><th>Fiscal Year</th><th>Iowa (%)</th><th>National Average (%)</th></tr><tr><td>FFY09</td><td>70</td><td>62</td></tr><tr><td>FFY10</td><td>69</td><td>63</td></tr><tr><td>FFY11</td><td>72</td><td>64</td></tr><tr><td>FFY12</td><td>73</td><td>64</td></tr><tr><td>FFY13</td><td>74</td><td>65</td></tr><tr><td>FFY14</td><td>74</td><td>65</td></tr></table> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• CSRU collected \$251.8 million from employers in SFY15. Iowa was the first state to operate one-stop service center for employers.	Fiscal Year	Iowa (%)	National Average (%)	FFY09	70	62	FFY10	69	63	FFY11	72	64	FFY12	73	64	FFY13	74	65	FFY14	74	65
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Legal Basis	<p>Federal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 42 U.S.C. §602(a)(2) Additionally, in accordance with TANF Maintenance of Effort (MOE) requirements at 42 U.S.C. §609(a)(8) and §652(g) <p>State:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Iowa Code, Chapters 252B, 252C, 252D, 252E, 252F, 252H, 252I, 252J, 252K• Iowa Administrative Code, 441 IAC 95, 96, 97, 98 and 99																						